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FLOW AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY. MEETING OF STEERING
GROUP, MARCH 4, 1977.

REF: (A) STATE 043078, (B) STATE 046245, (C) STATE
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1. SUMMARY. STEERING GROUP (SG) MADE GOOD PROGRESS
MARCH 4 AND RESTRUCTURED PROGRAM DOCUMENT BASED ON NEW
SECRETARIAT DRAFT. SG COMMENTS ARE BEING INCORPORATED
INTO FURTHER REVISION, WHICH SECRETARIAT WILL DISCUSS
WITH MISSION EARLY NEXT WEEK. DEPARTMENT'S CABLE REF
(B) WAS CIRCULATED, AND PROVIDED VERY USEFUL BACKGROUND
TO DISCUSSION. FOLLOWING NOTES OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST
WILL BE COMPLETED BY CABLE BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S DIS-
CUSSION WITH SECRETARIAT. AVAILABLE MATERIAL PER
REF (C) WILL BE AIRPOUCHED SOONEST. END SUMMARY.
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2. SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS ACCEPTED AUSTRIAN INVITATION
TO HOLD SYMPOSIUM IN VIENNA, SEPTEMBER 20-23. HE
REJECTED, HOWEVER, AUSTRIAN PROPOYXL TO INVITE E-BLOC
COUNTRIES. (MISSION HAD ALREADY MADE REPRESENTATIONS
TO SCIENCE DIRECTOR THIS MATTER BASED ON REF (A).) IN
ADDITION, SEC GEN RULED THAT ATTENDANCE BY OTHER INTER-

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. AUSTRIAN MEMBER OF SG STATED HIS COUNTRY'S CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT SYMPOSIUM IS AN OECD EVENT, NOT A JOINT OECD-AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT AFFAIR.

3. A PRELIMINARY PROGRAM WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE OECD'S OFFICIAL LETTER OF INVITATION FOR SIGNATURE BY SECGEN EARLY APRIL. SECRETARIAT PLANS TO ATTACH SHORT BACKGROUND PAPER TO LETTER, TOGETHER WITH LIST OF DATA BANK PANEL MEMBERS. NOMINATIONS BY MEMBER-COUNTRIES ARE TO BE IN BY JUNE 1.

4. PRESENT PLAN IS TO SPEND ONE WHOLE DAY ON THEME OF "TRANSBORDER DATA FLOW: A SURVEY OF ISSUES AND TRENDS." THIS THEME, PROPOSED BY THE US, REPLACES A SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS "COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS", WHICH SEEMED TOO RESTRICTIVE AND SOMEWHAT INAPPROPRIATE, ALTHOUGH OF COURSE SUCH APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED, PROBABLY AT SOME LENGTH. A FURTHER US PROPOSAL WAS APPROVED, VIZ. TO STRUCTURE THE DISCUSSION OF ISSUES AND TRENDS AROUND 6-8 MAJOR PRESENTATIONS, ALLOTTED TO SELECTED MEMBER COUNTRIES. OTHER PRESENTATIONS WOULD BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR.

5. THE MAJOR PRESENTATIONS WILL BE DRAWN FROM THE FOLLOWING BROAD CATEGORIES: (A) MANUFACTURE (B) TRANSPORTATION (C) INSURANCE (D) BANKING AND FINANCE (E) PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION INCLUDING LAW ENFORCEMENT (F) INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND NETWORKS (G) MEDICINE, UNCLASSIFIED

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PUBLIC HEALTH (H) SERVICE BUREAUS. MISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT (H) IS LIKELY CHOICE FOR US.

6. MEMBER COUNTRIES WILL BE INVITED, HOWEVER, TO PREPARE PAPERS ON ANY SUBJECT OF THEIR CHOICE, FOR PRIMARY USE BY THE DATA BANK PANEL IN ITS FOLLOW-UP OF THE SYMPOSIUM, BUT ALSO FOR SUMMARIZED PRESENTATION FROM THE FLOOR, AS APPROPRIATE. ALL PAPERS SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ABSTRACT.

7. FINAL PROGRAM WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN JULY.
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